

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20, 2012
7:15 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:40PM
Flag Salute; Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to ***The Record*** and the ***Ridgewood News***, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

Roll Call: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present
Councilman Freeman-absent
Mayor Kelly-present

Motion to accept agenda as amended-Ordinance #1449 pulled: Councilman Stylianou
Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky
All in favor.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the October 16, 2012 Executive, Public, Closed Session meetings:
Councilman Hayes
Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky
Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Administrator's Report

The Borough received a \$146,500 grant to improve Depew Street. There was a meeting regarding this project with the Board of Education and the Shade Tree Commission. Another grant application for Depew Street improvements was submitted to the Department of Transportation for the next phase.

Mr. Perkins congratulated Beryl Horbert for receiving State certification as Municipal Court Administrator.

The Bergen County Probation Division of Community Service program provides people to work in the Borough at no cost. People who have issues involving children are not accepted.

There was a meeting with Jim Walsh, owner operator of the Senior Building on Dumont Avenue, regarding the power outages during the storm. They are looking into having generators available in the future.

The Borough is planning on issuing municipal parking permits to out of town commuters as well as residents. Permits will be mandatory for West Shore Avenue, Washington Street and Depew Street.

An individual who owns property on Grant Avenue is interested in purchasing a piece of Borough property for parking. The lot is 25X114. There will be further discussion at the December 4th meeting.

The Borough started preparing for the October 29th hurricane on October 25th at a meeting attended by department heads and administration. Discussion included staffing, fueling generators, shelters, food, flood and power issues. Emergency services were called into action as the Borough began to be affected. The entire town was without power. Many streets were closed due to downed trees and power lines. Fire personnel were asked to provide generators to residents with medical assistance. The Borough has trimmed over 400 trees and removed 94 Borough trees. Borough Hall remained open for ten days as a warming station and a place people could charge their electronics. The Library was also used as a warming and charging station. Councilwoman Zamechansky organized hot food, candy, water, etc. donated by residents for those without power. Stop 'n Shop provided food for residents at Borough Hall and DPW employees. Italian Connection also provided food. The Mayor and Council were constantly requesting updates. There will be a meeting to discuss issues that occurred during the storm.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman Brophy

Board of Education

They met last week and took action on the revised school schedule as a result of Hurricane Sandy.

The Councilman asked Mr. Cavadias to put together a pamphlet addressing the generator safety

- Councilman Carrick

The Borough lost four homes during the hurricane. There was a sense of community at the food and football event held at the senior center. Approximately two hundred residents were present- thanks to Ellen Zamechansky, Glenda Hickey and Terri Kolodziej.

- Councilman Hayes

Rent Leveling Board

The meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Fire Department

Chief Tony Spina has taken a leave of absence for medical reasons; Matt Banta is acting Chief.

Ambulance Corps

They are having their annual fundraiser.

Councilman Stylianou

Recreation

The boys' senior football team won the Super Bowl. Hopefully, we can recognize their accomplishments with a proclamation in December.

Library

The topic of conversation at the meeting was concern over their 2013 budget and potential staff reductions and reduced programs and reduced hours of operation. The Board would like to meet with the Governing Body.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

Chamber of Commerce

They, the PBA and Calvary Church ran a blood drive for hurricane victims.

Senior Citizens

The Councilwoman attended the Halloween party November 2nd, which had been postponed due to the storm. Mr. Perkins attended to respond to questions about the storm.

Their Christmas party will be held December 6th at Seasons.

Building and Grounds

There has been ongoing discussion on the condition of this building and options.

Celebrations

The Winter Festival will be held December 7th, rain date December 8th at Memorial Park. Gift Cards will be collected there for hurricane victims.

Residents were very grateful for the food provided at Borough Hall and the Senior Center during the hurricane. Ms. Masticova had broached the idea to the Councilwoman who then enlisted volunteers.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kelly congratulated the senior football champions. He attended the game and said it went down to the last play.

All the members of the Governing Body expressed their appreciation of the Fire Department, Police, Ambulance and DPW for their work and long hours during the hurricane.

Review of Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

RESOLUTIONS

#12-235 Bills List *

#12-236 Approval of Dumont High School Music Booster On-premise Cash Raffle Application to be held 12/20/12, 2/28/13, 5/2/13; ID #109-5-36714; RL# 374 *

#12-237 Approval of Change Order #2 for ADA Library and Senior Center Project-negative \$10,000 *

#12-238 Authorization of Transfer Between Appropriations *

Motion to open to the public-consent agenda items-Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Non-consent Agenda

#12-176 Michael O'Connor and Mike "Joe" Sherban-DPW-Approval of \$5,000 Raise in Base Salary for each (previously tabled) Councilman Hayes stated that they are under contract and already receiving a 31/2% increase. One is in the \$70,000 range and the other is close to

\$60,000. Giving raises to two individuals is starting a bad precedent. In these financial times it is not a good idea.

Councilman Carrick said he kind of agrees with Councilman Hayes but one of the employees has been offered a job somewhere else and these guys do a phenomenal job in keeping our machines running. If we are looking for ways to save money Councilman Hayes, who would be considered part time, should give up his benefits which cost the Borough \$18,000.

Councilwoman Zamechansky added that she had given up benefits in order to help save the jobs of two police officers. She agrees with Councilman Carrick that these two DPW employees are very valuable. The rest of the DPW has signed off on this raise and didn't have a problem with it.

Councilman Hayes responded that this resolution does not have anything to do with anyone on the Council receiving benefits so he feels that the comments are inappropriate.

Mr. Perkins explained that Mike came from Ford Motors where he was chief mechanic. Joe came from a tree company. When they were hired, a prior administration said that there would be consideration for an increase in salary after a period of time. This was recently brought to his attention by the labor union's negotiating team. Mike takes care of the police cars. Joe did a lot of work to prepare for and during the storm. The members of the DPW all signed off on this.

Councilman Brophy stated that from the Administrator to the DPW direct managers there has been only praise for these two employees. He agrees that it is not their position in this town to hand out unscheduled raises. In a year in which they have given RICE notices to police officers, he doesn't feel we are in a position to give these raises, even though he would like to.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

- 1 Ray Slaman, 67 Sherwood Road, is Chair of the Shade Tree Commission. The Shade Tree Commission works closely with the person in question. With the hard work of Joe and the tree team, the impact of the storm would have been much more severe. They trimmed the trees, making sure they were maintained. They work very hard for the town and the Commission and he doesn't think we would be in this position without them.
- 2 Michael Sherban, stated he has almost thirty years' experience cutting trees. In this storm alone there were four or five trees on houses that people thought required a crane for removal. He removed the trees without using a crane which probably saved the town about half of his annual salary.
- 3 Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, asked who made the promise. Has there been any precedence on verbal promises? He warned the Governing Body they are going down a "slippery slope".

Motion to close: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Motion to adopt Resolution #12-176: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Council members Brophy and Hayes-no

#12-217 Authorization of Supplemental Funding for T&M Associates for NJEIT Phase II- not to exceed \$66,660.09 (previously tabled) Councilman Hayes stated he hopes this is the last change

order. Councilman Stylianou agreed. Councilman Carrick asked for clarification from the engineer. Engineer Carrino explained that this amount is related to the contaminated soil, which had to be addressed due to new DEP regulations. A Licensed Soil Remediation Specialist from T&M was also required by the DEP. A trucking company was needed to remove the soil. T&M requested proposals in order to get the best price for the trucking. In addition, more time was necessary for easement-related services. Mr. Carrino explained that this bill is not an amount going forward; it is to take care of the work done between April and August 31st.

Councilman Carrick said he is not ready to go forward. Motion to table: Councilman Carrick
Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

#12-239 Approval of 2012 Salary Resolution

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Motion to adopt: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Council members Brophy and Hayes-no

ORDINANCES

Second Reading

#1450 Bond Ordinance-Police Department Air Quality-\$65,000

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to adopt: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

First Reading

#1449 Amendment to Chapter 75, Section 9 of the Borough Code-Police Promotions (Revised)

Pulled for further revisions

#1451 Amendment to Chapter 21-Traffic and Parking of the Borough Code-Municipal Parking

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to open to the public for general comments: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

1. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, questioned the tabling of supplemental funding for T&M. He stated he hoped this gets resolved quickly; this is payment of a bill. Companies have lawyers.
2. Barbara Correa, 240 Larch Avenue, said that in today's paper there was an article about shared services and State Aid.
Mr. Perkins will look into it. Right now we qualify for 100% State Aid through the Best Practices survey.
3. Larry Tobias, 176 W. Madison Avenue, complained about trash pickup. They keep missing his house. There are five garbage holidays. Three of the five days the west side does not get pickup. When he spoke to one of the workers he told him he doesn't work for Ferretti; he's just helping out.
4. Tim Hickey, 165 Randolph Avenue, commended the Mayor and Council and the town for the work during the hurricane. Mr. Perkins was always present and taking care of business.
5. Ray Slaman, 67 Sherwood Road, stated that the Shade Tree ordinance contains no formal notification requirement for a homeowner in order to certify whether a tree is a Borough tree or not prior to cutting it down. He thanked the Council for funding for the arboretum. It will be a focal point of the center of town. The Shade Tree Commission will mitigate any concerns that come up.

Motion to close: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk